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SUBJECT: AMIR OF QATAR'S VIEWS ON GULF SITUATION

1. DURING AUGUST 29 CONVERSATION, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, AMIR OF QATAR GAVE ME HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT SITUATION IN THE GULF. KHALIFA BEGAN DISCUSSION WITH BRIEF REVIEW OF RECENT QATARI HISTORY CLEARLY DESIGNED TO JUSTIFY HIS SEIZURE OF POWER IN FEB OF 1972. HE DESCRIBED QATAR AS SIMPLE PEARL FISHING COUNTRY WHICH OIL WEALTH HAD PROPELLED REPIDLY INTO MODERN ERA. ACCORDING TO KHALIFA, HIS PREDECESSOR, SHAYKH AHMAD, WAS NOT ABLE TO ADJUST TO THE TASK OF NATION-BUILDING WHICH FACED QATAR WITH ITS NEW-FOUND WEALTH; THEREFORE, KHALIFA WAS COMPELLED TO MOVE.

2. KHALIFA THEN REVIEWED HIS FAMILIAR AND OFTEN-EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE U.A.E., WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A PHONY UNION MADE UP OF A GROUG OF PERPETUALLY SQUABBLING STATES. HE NOTED HIS APPROVAL OF RECENT U.A.E.- SAUDI BORDER AGREEMENT, BUT CAUTIONED THAT IT AS YET WAS JUST
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A "SIGNED PIECE OF PAPER." HE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SHAYKHS

ZAYID AND RASHID; FORMER, ACCORDING KHALIFA, JUST HASN'T A CLUE ON HOW TO ORGANIZE AND RUN A GOVERNMENT, AND LATTER WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH HIS OWN BUSINESS INTERESTS RATHER THAN AFFAIRS OF STATE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONAL REGARD FOR BOTH MEN, BUT THAT THEY HAD FAILED MISERABLY IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE UNION. HE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH WERE PRESENTLY ABROAD, LEAVING THE U.A.E. IN COMPLETELY INEXPERIENCED HANDS, SINCE NO SECOND ECHELON OF AUTHORITY HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR. HE SAID U.A.E.'S GREAT WEALTH AND DISORGANIZATION MADE IT TEMPTING AND EASY TARGET.

3. RE OMAN, HE SAID IT APPEARED THAT INSURGENCY HAD BEEN DAMPED DOWN, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN GENEROUS TO OMAN WITH GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS. HE REMARKED THAT QABUS WAS WELL QUALIFIED TO RULE BUT LACKED EXPERIENCE.
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